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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR PROGRAM: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR
DR. DABER SELIM-FEB. 18-MARCH 5.

1. URGENTLY REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DR. SABER SELIM WHO WILL VISIT THE U.S. FEB 18 TO MARCH 5 ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT SPONSORED AND FULLY FUNDED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE. PROFESSOR SELIM IS DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION (ALECSO), THE VISIT HAS BEEN HASTILY ARRANGED, AND DR. SELIM HAS NO FIXED APPOINTMENTS, AND HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN WORKING OUT A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM.

2. DR. SELIM IS 52. WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE. FLUENT ENGLISH. RECEIVED B.S., CAIRO UNIVERSITY, 1942, AND M.A. AND PH.D. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 1951. FROM 1952-71 WAS PROFESSOR SCIENCE, AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY, CAIRO. ASSUMED PRESENT POSITION 1971.

3. PURPOSE OF DR. SELIM'S VISIT IS TO OBSERVE AND ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SCIENCE TEACHING CENTERS IN THE U.S., INCLUDING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MUSEUMS. ALECSO PLANS HAVE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTERS FOR ARAB WORLD. PROJECT NOW IN FEASIBILITY STUDY STAGE. DR. SELIM WILL VISIT U.K. AFTER U.S. FOR SAME PRUPOSE.

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4. DR. SELIM IS OF LEADER STATUS, AND HIS REASONS FOR SEEKING

APPOINTMENTS WITH AMERICAN COLLEAGUES ARE VALID. EMBASSY BELIEVES FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, ALBEIT HASTILY ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE, FULLY JUSTIFIED AS SUPPORTING THE OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

5. ITINERARY:

NEW YORK CITY: FEB 18-22

ARRIVES WEDNESDAY, FEB 18, TWA FLIGHT 841. SUGGESTS PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS BE ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEB 19-20. SATURDAY FEB 21 COULD BE OPEN FOR VISITS TO SUGGESTED MUSEUMS, OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. DEPARTS FOR SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY, FEB 22.

SAN FRANCISCO FEB 22-26

ARRIVES FEB 22. SUGGEST NO APPOINTMENTS DAY OF ARRIVAL. HAS OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE, UNIV OF CALIF, BERKELEY. HAS SUGGESTED VISIT TO EXPLORATORIUM, MARINA BLVD AND LYON ST., SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTOR, DR. FRANK OPPENHEIMER.

NO OTHER CONTACTS IN BAY AREA, BUT WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS. WISHES SPEND ONE DAY AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, BUT PROFESSORS OF STUDENT DAYS THERE EITHER DEAD OR RETIRED. WOULD WELCOME APPOINTMENTS. SUGGESTS TRAVELING SAN FRANCISCO-STANFORD BY BUS OR TRAIN. DEPARTS FOR LOS ANGELES FEB 26.

LOS ANGELES: FEB 26-MARCH 1

ARRIVES FEB 26. DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON DC MARCH 1. HAS NO CONTACTS IN LOS ANGELES AREA, AND WELCOMES ANY SUGGESTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, DC: MARCH 1-MARCH 5

ARRIVES MARCH 1. DEPARTS FOR LONDON MARCH 5. HAS OPEN INVITATION FROM DR. J. DAVID LOCKHARD, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE CLEARING HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. WOULD WELCOME FIRM UNCLASSIFIED

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APPOINTMENT THERE, AND AT OTHER SCIENCE TEACHING CENTERS IN WASHINGTON AREA. FRIENDS HAVE SUGGESTED HE MEET DR. ROBERT LEETMA OF HEW/OE, AND DR. ARTHUR LIVERMORE, OF AMERICAN ASSOC. FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, 1776 MASS AVE. THESE OFFICES MAY BE HELPFUL IN SUGGESTING WORTHWHILE VISITS AND CONTACTS IN SCHEDULED CITIES.

6. DR. SELIM'S HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY TWA, BUT

NOT YET CONFIRMED.

7. SINCE DR.SELIM WILL NOT GO DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, HAVE
INDICATED TO HIM THAT IF FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED, WILL
MOST LIKELY COME VIA VARIOUS RECEPTION CENTERS. REQUEST CABLE
ADVICE, NLT FEB 17, WITH NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CONTACTS
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